

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 07-February-2010

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The vocation to serve God does not follow a standard pattern; it is as unique as the person who is called. It came for Isaiah while he was at prayer; it came for Peter in the middle of his work. For both men it meant a sense of unworthiness before the presence of God, but both learnt that the service of God does not spring from innate human goodness as much as from the forgiving power of God's love.*



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Innishmore

## Responding to God's Call

As baptised Christians, each one of us is called by God to live out our particular vocation in life. How each of us responds to God's call in building his kingdom depends on our gifts, our limitations and our generosity.

In today's Readings, we see where Isaiah, Simon Peter and Paul were very conscious of their failings and limitations; yet each responds to God's call. Isaiah says 'what a wretched state I am in. I am lost', but accepting God's challenge and forgiveness he responds: 'Here I am, send me'. In the Gospel, Simon Peter and his companions, having fished all night and caught nothing, were on the shore washing their nets when Jesus turns to Simon Peter saying: "Put out into the deep water and let your nets down for a catch." He replied: "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything". He must have thought "what's the point" and perhaps wondered what would Jesus, a carpenter, know about fishing! Yet, he does what Jesus asks of him, and they catch a huge number of fish. Simon Peter recognizes the hand of God in what has happened and at the same time realises his own sinfulness. Paul, who had been a persecutor of Christians wrote in our second reading, "I am the least of the apostles, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace he has given me will not be fruitless." In spite of their weaknesses, God called each one and they responded to God's grace working within each of them.

There are times in our own lives when we realize our own human frailty especially when faced with our shortcomings and failures. We may feel inadequate and think that God could not possibly be choosing me to serve him in some way, even here in our parish community. Yet he, who created us for some special purpose here on earth, knows our potential and what we can do to reach out to others in his name. In today's three readings we see that Isaiah and Simon Peter and Paul realize that they are in need of God's grace and God's love. God gives us the grace we need to respond to the challenges and the opportunities that come our way. Let us respond to God's call to continue his work in our world of today. We are not alone - the Lord is with us and he reassures us as he reassured Peter: 'Do not be afraid'.

Sr. Colette

## Reflection for Parents

Jesus wants us to be active in spreading his Kingdom, but he will help us and guide us. We can start by considering with our children the good things in our lives, and thanking God for them. Just as Jesus called Peter and his friends through their fishing, so he calls us through the wonders of our daily lives. In today's Mass we hear the call of Jesus to 'put out into the deep'. We pray for the grace to recognise what the Lord is calling us to do and to answer, 'Here I am, send me'.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

The faithfulness and love of God surpasses all we ever knew; we bring our needs to the Lord who answers on the day we call.

### Reader

We pray for the Church; that it may continue to put out into the deep, spreading the gospel to all people, especially those in greatest need.

**Lord, Hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for our leaders and politicians; that they may govern justly for the benefit of all members of society.

**Lord, Hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for vocations; that men and women may answer the call to leave everything and follow Jesus.

**Lord, Hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for ourselves; that we may discover our own vocation in life and live it joyfully.

**Lord, Hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for those who are sick; that they may receive healing and comfort in their suffering.

**Lord, Hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for those who have died; that they may be granted eternal rest in the kingdom of heaven.

**Lord, Hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.**

### Priest

Heavenly Father, faithful and loving God, your glory fills the whole earth; grant the petitions we make this day in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

*Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.*

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**BAPTISMS**

**WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY :**

Steven Ostin Ugbo, Highfield, Ballincollig.  
 Spencer Osarenokheke Ugbo, Highfield, Ballincollig.  
 Stacey Osarugemwen Ugbo, Highfield, Ballincollig.  
 Sally Osayemwenre Ugbo, Highfield, Ballincollig.  
 Fionn John Collins, The Oaks, Classes Lake.  
 Sibéal Maeve Walsh, Church Hill, Carrigrohane.  
 Eimhin Siobhan Walsh, Church Hill, Carrigrohane.

**MARRIAGES**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Kevin O'Brien, Model Farm Road & Meave McCarthy, Rosewood.  
 Patrick Oldham, Glasheen & Aishling O'Driscoll, Grange.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :**

Ann O'Leary, Blarney.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS:**

John McKechnie, Tower.  
 Garret Collins, Dungourney & England.  
 Maurice, Dan & Charles O'Connor, Castlegregory.  
 Sgt. Dan O'Connell, West Village.  
 Tim & John O'Regan, Poulavone.  
 Lily Carroll, Berrings.  
 Tom & Winnie Holloway, Galbally.  
 Anthony McCarthy, Castlepark.  
 Siobhan O'Donovan, Raheen.  
 Tim & Eily O'Herlihy, Glasheen Road.  
 Patrick O'Donovan, Church Road, Carrigrohane.  
 Paddy Lucey, Carriganarra.  
 Ellen Lucey, Station Cross.  
 Lena Down, Main Street.  
 John Quinn, Beech Park.  
 Deceased Members of Parish Choir.  
 Donal Walsh, Fair Street.  
 Michael Barry, Ladysbridge.  
 Con Greany, Station Road.  
 Michael Gilleran, Rosewood.  
 James & Mary McCarthy, Ballymacoda.  
 Bridie Sexton, Hillsboro.  
 Eugene McAuliffe, Kanturk.  
 Rita & Tadgh O'Connor, Friars Walk.  
 Ellen & John O'Sullivan, Glanmire.  
 Timothy Dineen, Curraheen Cross, Ballinora.  
 Pat Manning, Farranree.

***Valentines Dinner Dance***

In aid of The Hope Foundation with Gina & The Champions  
 Sat 13th February, Fota Island Resort,  
 Tel: 021 429 2990 Email: susan@hopefoundation.ie

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Fifth Week In Ordinary Time**

07 Sunday Is. 6:1-2, 3-8. Ps. 137. 1 Cor. 15:1-11. Lk. 5:1-11. Lect I: 849  
 08 Monday 1 K. 8:1-7,9-13. Ps. 131. Mk. 6:53-56. Lect II: 512  
 09 Tuesday 1 K. 8:22-23,27-30. Ps. 83. Mk. 7:1-13. Lect II: 514  
 10 Wednesday 1 K. 10:1-10. Ps. 36. Mk. 7:14-23. Lect II: 517  
 11 Thursday 1 K. 11 :4-13. Ps. 105. Mk. 7:24-30. Lect II: 519  
 12 Friday 1 K. 11 :29-32, 12: 19. Ps. 80. Mk. 7:31-37. Lect II: 521  
 13 Saturday 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34. Ps 105. Mk 8:1-10. Lect II: 523

**Next Sunday's Readings 14-February-2010**

Jer. 17:5-8. Ps. 1. 1 Cor. 15:12, 16-20. Lk. 6:17. 20-26. Lect I: 853

***'Mothers Prayers' Groups***

Continue on:

**Wednesday's at 10.30 am**

Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

**Thursday's at 10.00 am**

Annex of Parish Hall

All Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers are welcome to come along one of these mornings to pray for their children and the youth of our Parish

***Ballincollig Parish***

***Bereavement Support***

The next Bereavement Support Programme will commence on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February. It will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30-9.30 pm). It is held in a small groups setting. Anyone experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one, is very welcome to attend. For further information, please contact: **Sr. Colette O'Leary: 086 3557375** or Parish Office: 4871206.

***Trocaire***

This year's Fast encourages people to 'Give it up for Trocaire' on the 4th/5th March in support of the people in the world who have to go to bed hungry every night. What you give up for a day is up to you – food, your phone, coffee, TV or even a bad habit. What is important is that people 'Give it up for Trocaire' on March 4th and 5th and ask family, friends or colleagues to sponsor them. The efforts of people here at home make an enormous difference to the lives of some of the world's poorest families and communities. To order your Fast pack log on to [www.trocaire.org/fast](http://www.trocaire.org/fast) where you can set up your own sponsorship page,

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8

The Lord comes to Isaiah and purifies him. Isaiah then begs the Lord to send him out to do the work of God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Some people began to deny the resurrection. Paul tells them the story of this miraculous happening to remind them of what they once believed in.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Luke connected the great fishing catch with the calling of the disciples. While it is an important miracle about the mission of the disciples, it appears here with the calling of Peter, James, and John. Apparently business partners, Peter called James and John to help him with the big catch Jesus provided. The invitation to these three was to "net in" people for the Kingdom as abundantly as they had netted in the fish.

**Society of Vincent De Paul**

Monthly collection in aid of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul will be taken place this weekend Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2010.  
(SVP wish to apologise for advising incorrect dates last weekend)

**Scout News**

Last Saturday the County Urban challenge took place in Cobh. Both the Wednesday night Scouts and the Thursday night scouts took part. Everyone met at the Train Station at 9.30 am, there was over 100 scouts in all from all over our Scout County. Each team was given an envelope with details of what they had to do when they got to Cobh, some had to find out the history of famous Cobh people, others had to interview locals and find out a story about Cobh, they had to climb up the hill to the Cathedral and find out how many bells and statues there were. The weather was lovely and sunny and every one enjoyed themselves.

On Sunday the Tuesday night Macoimh went on a day hike to Gougane Barra. It was a grand dry day as well; when the Macoimh arrived they climbed up the hill towards the source of the Lee passing over it several times. They stopped for lunch and then had 3 bases, one was that each Macoimh had to take a photo; another was that each Macoimh was blind folded and was introduced to a tree; they then had to find the tree and the other base they had to collect various items. They then had a game of man hunt and then returned to Ballincollog. We held our annual Flag Day last weekend which went very well, we would like to thank everyone who helped and contributed.

*Most of us can do more than we think we can, but we actually do less than we think we do.*

**CIT UpSkill**

Following the success of the event last summer we are hosting a second UpSkill this coming February. CIT UpSkill is an information clinic for anyone who wants to update their qualifications, add new qualifications or change career direction. Further details available from CIT Alumni Association (Alumni@cit.ie)

**Date:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 2.30 pm  
**Venue:** CIT Student Centre Gallery, CIT

**Bulletin Board**

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 1.00 pm** in the **Library Room, Community Hall, Station Road**. The presentation lasts for approximately forty minutes. The following questions are addressed, What is Baptism? What are the symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism? How can the family become involved in the ceremony? Parents might book the baptism a few weeks in advance to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund**

Special Envelope Collection this weekend February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> February. This collection subsidises the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for individuals whose health/or means would otherwise prevent them from travelling to Lourdes. It also subsidises medical expenses and travel care personnel.

**Eucharistic Ministers – Christ our Light**

Please collect new rota (6<sup>th</sup> February to 27<sup>th</sup> June) from the Sacristy in Christ our Light.

**Parish Mission.**

This year a parish mission is taking place in Ballincollog. The mission is planned for the week commencing March 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The mission will be conducted by the Redemptorist fathers. During the week various aspects of our faith will be explored. Members of the parish council are busy planning the various evening sessions at present. Parish missions are opportunities to renew our faith in God and rededicate our lives to our Christian calling. I am asking parishioners to pray for the success of the mission.

**Parish Mission 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> March**

**Invitation:** to voluntary groups and clubs in Ballincollog to take part in acknowledging their contribution to Parish life on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm.

Please contact Parish Office 4871206

**Haiti Collection**

We would like to thank you most sincerely for your extremely generous contribution to Trocaire's appeal fund for the victims of the earthquake.

*Fr. George*

**Cork University Hospital**

All patients with appointments to "Out Patients Departments" in the hospital will be seen in order of their appointment time and not on a first come first serve basis as was previously the case. Patients are, therefore, advised not to arrive more than 15 minutes before their appointment time as they will not be registered (checked in) on the appointment system.

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**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Feb-13 & Feb-14-2010

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Ailish O'Reilly  
Daniel McAuliffe  
**8:30 am**  
Pat Fennell  
Susan Fennell  
**10:00 am**  
Tony Hegarty  
William Green  
**12:00 Noon**  
Oliver O'Donovan  
David Drohan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Rebecca Feely  
Jessica Lingard  
**11:00 am**  
Aisling O'Leary  
**12:30 pm**  
Brian O'Donoghue  
Chide Ebili  
**5:30 pm**

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 pm (Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS**

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday**

**BAPTISMS**

4:30 pm	<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	<b>Sunday</b>	

**PARISH CLERGY**

**Priest on Duty 087-2479140**

<b>Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.</b>	<b>021-4871206</b>
<b>Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.</b>	<b>021-4877161</b>
<b>Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.</b>	<b>021-4876171</b>
<b>Fr. James McSweeney</b>	<b>021-4873308</b>



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Feb-13 & Feb-14-2010

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Eileen Murphy  
Ted Nelligan  
Angela Murphy  
Ann O'Connell  
Sheila Walshe  
Ann McCarthy

**7:30 pm** John O'Donoghue  
Mary Dineen  
Kathleen Daly  
Mairead Keenan

**8:30 am** Helen Kelly  
Mary O'Connor  
Michael Crowley

**11:00 am** Mary O'Mahony  
Mona Bowen  
Billy Barry  
Mary Aylward  
Pauline Baston

**10:00 am** Miriam Maunsell  
Mary Buckley  
Breda Ring  
Mary O'Regan  
John Henchy  
Martin O'Leary

**12:30 pm** Mary Twomey  
Maura O'Driscoll  
Mary Lehane  
Dympna Byrne  
Suzanne Leetch

**12 Noon** Ann-Marie Cosgrove  
Pat Kelleher  
Phil Kennedy  
Ellen O'Sullivan  
Ursula McAuliffe  
Sally Crowley

**5:30 pm** Shelia Curran  
Elizabeth O'Sullivan



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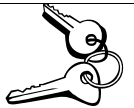
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**Ballincollig Tidy Towns**

Annual General Meeting  
On  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
8 pm  
The Oriel House Hotel  
All Welcome

**The Pyke Theatre**

Are holding their monthly social on  
Tuesday 9th February at 9 pm.  
Music by Kevin Mc Sweeney.  
This month, as it is so close to  
Valentines day, There will be a prize  
for the best song, story, costume,  
or poem  
with a romantic theme!

**Ennismore Retreat Centre -**

St Dominic's  
Thursday Evenings in Lent  
Starting Thursday 18th February  
7.30 pm - 9.00 pm  
Lectio Divina - Scripture Reflection  
Meditating on the Sunday Gospels using the  
method of Lectio Divina concluding with  
celebration of the Eucharist  
Directed by :  
Benedict Hegarty OP/Martina Lehane Sheehan

**Ceili Mor**

Fundraiser in Aid of  
Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Ballincollig  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010, Ballincollig GAA Hall from Time 9 - 12